

Fulton Lewis Jr. at 7:00 p.m. over WCMS (Washington) and the MBS Network:

Mr. Lewis discussed foreign aid bill and the following was heard in part:

LEWIS: "For one thing, there's a very serious sleeper in the legislation--this is an authorization bill, you understand--which provides for the first time that this foreign aid can be given to Communist satellite nations as well as to friendly countries, the only countries being barred are Soviet Russia, Red China and North Korea. This is the boldest attempt yet to implement the State Department obsession, now more than two years old and carried on very quietly thus far, that the way to handle the satellite nations is to try to wean them away from allegiance to Moscow by bribing them in gradual stages.

"This is the policy they've referred to as evolution, not revolution, based on the theory that Tito has done wonderful things for Yugoslavia and has really made progress towards democracy, establishing for his nation an independent national communism as against communism that is subservient to Russia, and that Gomulka in Poland has done the same thing. The fact that both countries are still strictly socialistic against the will of the people, that are both heavy-handed dictatorships without freedom of speech or press, without any freedoms, in fact, without the right of free enterprise, of free elections, and freedom of determine the form of government the people want to have--these considerations are ignored. Tito is held up as a glowing example to the people of the Iron Curtain as the way to get free of Moscow communism. The fact that the substitute is national communism, which is no improvement whatsoever as far as the lot of the individual citizen is concerned, is just incidental. It is, of course, an apology for the past policy of liberation and real freedom for these people, and it represents a tremendous coup inside the State Department on the part of those advisors who favor Socialism the world over and have been promoting it for years on end.

"This is a gimmick which they have succeeded in selling to the powers that be, and their claim is that Socialism is what the people of the Iron Curtain countries want. This is a categorical subversion of the truth, because Socialism is not what the satellite peoples want; it's not what they've had in the past; it's not in keeping with their traditions and their principles; they're all peoples with a capitalistic, private ownership history devoted to freedom and self-determination, and the package is strict gold-brickery, but here it is embodied in this legislation and the Senate is just about to vote on it. Your dollars being given to Red Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria and Poland and Hungary to help the Communist governments of those countries ease the economic pressure on themselves and thus make their bloody dictatorships and tyrannical despotisms the more secure.

"If I may do so, I'd like to remind you that more than six months ago I reported to you over this microphone that this was the policy line officially of Radio Free Europe. This was the propaganda pitch that Free Europe transmitters in Munich were beaming to the Iron Curtain people. I even read you a directive dated March 1956, a guidance, as Radio Free Europe people call it, dictating the manner--detailing the manner in which the pro-Titoist, pro-nationalist communist propaganda was to be carried on, and why it was to be carried on, and the theory behind it. Evolution, not revolution.

"If you remember, this was indignantly denied. One of the so-called truth sheets, which the Crusade for Freedom put out to try to soothe public criticism and avoid having the public know the truth on the grounds that the Truth Dollar contributions might stop coming in if the truth were to out.

"I have one of those fact sheets here before me; it is in reply to my reading the directive over the microphone, in which I said that it orders a master build-up of Yugoslavia's Tito and his private brand of red dictatorship as a means of weaning the people away from Stalinism, and it begins with a declaration: Titoism and Yugoslavia has proven itself and is defending the country against Stalin Bolshevism.

"Now here's what the Radio Free Europe and Crusade for Freedom fact sheet had replied on the date of last November 26, quote, 'The answer to this one is very simple. The reported directive passages which Mr. Lewis has quoted in several forms are not and never have been part of any policy directive issued by the management of Radio Free Europe or Free Europe Committee and do not represent the policy of these organizations, past or present. Lewis has a smudged typewritten document which he asserts is a policy directive; although he has been notified officially that it is not, he continues to assert that it is.' That's the end of the quotation.

"I might add, good ladies and gentlemen, that I still continue to state that it is. I have witnesses who saw the directive at the time it was issued in March '56, discussed it very heatedly at that time. I have the broadcast by Radio Free Europe since that time following those directions to the letter; I have an additional document in code which I shall present to you, if I may, tomorrow night in translated form proving that these orders came from no less than the State Department itself, and Radio Free Europe admits officially, without qualification, that it follows State Department policy instructions.

"And here in this pending foreign aid authorization bill, the policy shows up in black and white as a proposed official part of the foreign aid program of the United States in the future, to extend the giveaway program to the people of the Communist satellite countries, trying to coax them away from Moscow in a Communism all of their own, national Communism, and this proposal was put into the pending foreign aid program at the request of the State Department. This is now avowed State Department policy and Radio Free Europe over the past two years has simply been used with your dollars as financing to soften up the public and the world in advance. The directive of March 1956, which I reported to you and they denied, was true, and this provision of the foreign aid bill proves that it was true. State Department witnesses have substantiated the policy is evolution not revolution."